Absent-Minded People.

From the Washington Star. "Can you-ah-er-tell me the number of my room?"

"Yes, sir-95."

"Ah! thank you-guess-ah-I'll go and get ready for dinner," and the absent-minded man lounged away toward the elevator. The hotel clerk looked after the slowly vanishing guest, and then turning to a Star reporter, who was standing near, said:

been in this business, but he is the great original forgetter. He has been here now for three days, and I have to match him I'll with the stands of the stands of the stands. Consultation free. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. waten him like a baby. I'll bet he'll either forget his way to his room, or The sum of \$50,000 is asked. when he gets there he won't know why he went there.

"What is he-a genius?" asked the reporter.

"I suppose so; he's an inventor, and he don't know anything but cogs and wheels. He ate too breakfasts this morning; he ordered his lunch sent to his room yesterday, forgot about it, in February, 1888. York paper, and read until 5 o'clock p. m. He then came up to my desk and inquired calmly of me what it was he had asked for a little while before. I didn't know, and he could give no idea, so I was in hot water until I questioned the waiters and found out about the lunch. It's laughable to you, but it's not so funny for me, because if I don't take care of him he will surely attack the reputation of the house as soon as he gets away."

"Do you have many of those characters to look after?" inquired the listen-

er. "Never had one like him," said the clerk. "He's the worst; but we have a great many guests who exhibit signs of preoccupation. Perhaps the commonest example of absentmindess which I see is in regard to door keys. In the winter, when business is rushing, a dozen or more keys will have to be replaced every two days. A guest going away will frequently forget to leave the key in the door of his room or at the desk, and will pur it in his pocket, so we have to replace it. The house carpenter is about as good a locksmith as coal. any in the city; he has had so many locks to pick and keys to make. Then people leave articles of wearing apparel, books, memoranda, all sorts of things in their rooms when they vacate. Well, if they are registered correctly there is no difficulty in returning them their property, even if they forget to write for it; but where a man registers inaccurately or indefinitely it may sometimes be hard work to find him.

"There was an Englishman here last winter," continued the clerk, who deposited nearly £900 in Bank of England notes with me. The next day he was called to New Xork by a telegram, and having plenty of American money in his wallet, he hurried to the cars, without paying his hotel bill, and never thought about his money or anything but his dispatch until he reached New York. I have often seen careful people going over a written list and checking the articles off as they pack them away preparatory to continuing their journey. We have more or less amusement with mewly married couples, as frequently the bridegroom forgets to write 'and wife' after his name. When he has to correct his error he always looks sheepish and his explanations are very lame.

"A laughable incident happened here about a year ago," continued the clerk. "One day, in the early winter, a tall, fine looking gentleman registered as Dr. John so and so and wife, from C-, one of the largest cities in the country. The doctor was on his bridal He was about to turn away from the desk when he felt a slap on his back, and, looking up, saw the face of a college friend. 'Hello, Jack!' 'How are you, Sam?' and began a rapid conversation, when suddenly Sam saw the register and exclaimed: 'Been getting married, haveyou? Well, here are my congratulations. What's your wife's

"Jennie," responded the bridegroom.

'Why, her name was Jennie-Jennie-Oh, -it?' shouted the perplexed man.

"What, Jennie O. Damit?' was the laughing rejoiner.

"T've forgotten, at last exclaimed the bridegroom, in dispair. 'Come up in the parlor and I'll ask her what it W28.

"Forgetting his wife's name," re-sumed the clerk, "cost him a number of bottles of champagne."

"Oh, Lord, here he is again," he groaned, and the absented-minded man came up to enquire what tame the train left for-for that place in Virginia, you know," which the clerk interpreted Read the following: to mean Richmond.

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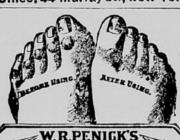
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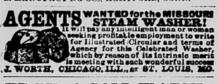


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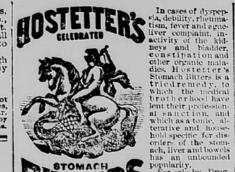
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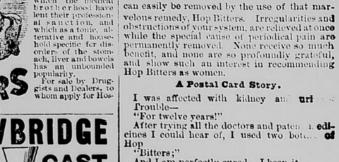
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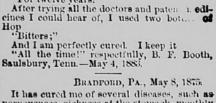
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